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TAGS: PFOR PGOV GW UR WB

SUBJECT: PRAVDA ATTACK ON INTERIOR MINISTERS MEETING
IN BERLIN

REFS: (A) USBER 1991; (B) MOSCOW 14003; (C) BONN 19869

1. IN VIEW OF PRAVDA STORY, WE AGREE THAT CLARIFYING
STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN ALLIED PRESS OFFICER WOULD BE
APPROPRIATE.

2. REGARDING TEXT OF ALLIED PRESS STATEMENT, WE WOULD
PREFER TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING SUBSTITUTED FOR LAST
SENTENCE OF TEXT PROVIDED PARA 1 REFTEL.

BEGIN TEXT (LAST SENTENCE): THE CHAIRMAN ALLIED
POLITICAL ADVISOR RECALLED THAT THE ALLIES HAD ALSO
REFUTED SIMILAR PREVIOUS SOVIET ASSERTIONS, THEREBY
REJECTING ANY CONTENTION THAT SUCH MEETINGS WERE
CONTRARY IN ANY WAY TO THE QA. END TEXT.

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3. WE APPRECIATE POINTS MADE BY MOSCOW 14141 (JUST RECEIVED) BUT BELIEVE OVERRIDING FACTOR IN THIS INSTANCE IS IMPACT ON GERMAN AND BERLIN OPINION , WHICH SOVIETS MUST HAVE CONSIDERED IN GOING PUBLIC. WHEN PRAVDA ASSERTS THAT SOVIET PROTEST HAS NOT BEEN ANSWERED, IT SEEMS TO US PREFERABLE FOR ALLIES TO REFUTE THE CHARGE RATHER THAN TO LEAVE QUESTION IN MINDS OF GERMANS AND ESPECIALLY BERLINERS AS TO WHETHER SOVIETS HAVE IN FACT FOUND AN ISSUE ON WHICH ALLIES HAVE DOUBTS.
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